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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment having a mailing date of September 25, 2008, with a time for response set to expire on October 25, 2008, Applicants respond as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.